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To create a National Commission to support law enforcement.

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Ms. SLAUGHTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To create a National Commission to support law  
enforcement.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Commission  
5       to Support Law Enforcement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds that—

8               (1) law enforcement officers risk their lives  
9       daily to protect citizens, for modest rewards and too  
10       little recognition;

1           (2) a significant shift has occurred in the prob-  
2           lems that law enforcement officers face without a  
3           corresponding change in the support from the Fed-  
4           eral Government;

5           (3) law enforcement officers are on the front  
6           line in the war against drugs and crime;

7           (4) the rate of violent crime continues to in-  
8           crease along with the increase in drug use;

9           (5) a large percentage of individuals arrested  
10          test positive for drug usage;

11          (6) the Presidential Commission on Law En-  
12          forcement and the Administration of Justice of 1965  
13          focused attention on many issues affecting law en-  
14          forcement, and a review twenty-five years later  
15          would help to evaluate current problems, including  
16          drug-related crime, violence, racial conflict, and de-  
17          creased funding; and

18          (7) a comprehensive study of law enforcement  
19          issues, including the role of the Federal Government  
20          in supporting law enforcement officers, working con-  
21          ditions, and responsibility for crime control would  
22          assist in redefining the relationships between the  
23          Federal Government, the public, and law enforce-  
24          ment officials.

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

2       There is established a national commission to be  
3 known as the “National Commission to Support Law En-  
4 forcement” (referred to in this Act as the “Commission”).

5 **SEC. 4. DUTIES.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall study and  
7 recommend changes regarding law enforcement agencies  
8 and law enforcement issues on the Federal, State, and  
9 local levels, including the following:

10           (1) FUNDING.—The sufficiency of funding, in-  
11 cluding a review of grant programs at the Federal  
12 level.

13           (2) EMPLOYMENT.—The conditions of law en-  
14 forcement employment.

15           (3) INFORMATION.—The effectiveness of infor-  
16 mation-sharing systems, intelligence, infrastructure,  
17 and procedures among law enforcement agencies of  
18 Federal, State, and local governments.

19           (4) RESEARCH AND TRAINING.—The status of  
20 law enforcement research and education and train-  
21 ing.

22           (5) EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES.—The ade-  
23 quacy of equipment, physical resources, and human  
24 resources.

25           (6) COOPERATION.—The cooperation among  
26 Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

1           (7) RESPONSIBILITY.—The responsibility of  
2 governments and law enforcement agencies in solv-  
3 ing the crime problem.

4           (8) IMPACT.—The impact of the criminal jus-  
5 tice system, including court schedules and prison  
6 overcrowding, on law enforcement.

7           (b) CONSULTATION.—The Commission shall conduct  
8 surveys and consult with focus groups of law enforcement  
9 officers, local officials, and community leaders across the  
10 Nation to obtain information and seek advice on important  
11 law enforcement issues.

12 **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.**

13           (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission  
14 shall be composed of 25 members as follows:

15           (1) Seven individuals from national law enforce-  
16 ment organizations representing law enforcement of-  
17 ficers, of whom—

18                   (A) Two shall be appointed by the Speaker  
19 of the House of Representatives;

20                   (B) Two shall be appointed by the majority  
21 leader of the Senate;

22                   (C) One shall be appointed by the minority  
23 leader of the House of Representatives;

24                   (D) One shall be appointed by the minority  
25 leader of the Senate; and

1           (E) One shall be appointed by the Presi-  
2           dent.

3           (2) Seven individuals from national law enforce-  
4           ment organizations representing law enforcement  
5           management, of whom—

6           (A) Two shall be appointed by the Speaker  
7           of the House of Representatives;

8           (B) Two shall be appointed by the majority  
9           leader of the Senate;

10          (C) One shall be appointed by the minority  
11          leader of the House of Representatives;

12          (D) One shall be appointed by the minority  
13          leader of the Senate; and

14          (E) One shall be appointed by the Presi-  
15          dent.

16          (3) Two individuals with academic expertise re-  
17          garding law enforcement issues, of whom—

18          (A) One shall be appointed by the Speaker  
19          of the House of Representatives and the major-  
20          ity leader of the Senate.

21          (B) One shall be appointed by the minority  
22          leader of the Senate and the minority leader of  
23          the House of Representatives.

1           (4) Two Members of the House of Representa-  
2           tives, appointed by the Speaker and the minority  
3           leader of the House of Representatives.

4           (5) Two Members of the Senate, appointed by  
5           the majority leader and the minority leader of the  
6           Senate.

7           (6) One individual involved in Federal law en-  
8           forcement from the Department of the Treasury, ap-  
9           pointed by the President.

10          (7) One individual from the Department of Jus-  
11          tice, appointed by the President.

12          (8) One individual representing a State or local  
13          governmental entity, such as a Governor, mayor, or  
14          State Attorney General, to be appointed by the Ma-  
15          jority Leader of the Senate.

16          (9) One individual representing a State or local  
17          governmental entity, such as a Governor, mayor, or  
18          State Attorney General, to be appointed by the  
19          Speaker of the House of Representatives.

20          (10) One individual representing a State or  
21          local governmental entity, such as a governor,  
22          mayor, or State attorney general, to be appointed by  
23          the President.

24          (b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—The Comptroller  
25          General shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall over-

1 see the methodology and approach of the Commission's  
2 study.

3 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—Upon their appointment the  
4 members of the Commission shall select one of their num-  
5 ber to act as chairperson.

6 (d) COMPENSATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Commission  
8 shall receive no additional pay, allowance, or benefit  
9 by reason of service on the Commission.

10 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the  
11 Commission shall receive travel expenses, including  
12 per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with  
13 sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States  
14 Code.

15 (e) APPOINTMENT DATES.—Members of the Com-  
16 mission shall be appointed no later than 90 days after the  
17 enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 6. EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.**

19 (a) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Commission  
20 may procure temporary and intermittent services under  
21 section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code.

22 (b) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request  
23 of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency is au-  
24 thorized to detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the per-

1 sonnel of that agency to the Commission to assist the  
2 Commission in carrying out its duties under this Act.

3 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Administrator  
4 of General Services shall provide to the Commission, on  
5 a reimbursable basis, administrative support services as  
6 the Commission may request.

7 **SEC. 7. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

8 (a) HEARINGS.—The Commission may, for purposes  
9 of this Act, hold hearings, sit and act at the times and  
10 places, take testimony, and receive evidence, as the Com-  
11 mission considers appropriate.

12 (b) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—Any member or  
13 agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the Com-  
14 mission, take any action the Commission is authorized to  
15 take by this section.

16 (c) INFORMATION.—The Commission may secure di-  
17 rectly from any Federal agency information necessary to  
18 enable it to carry out this Act. Upon request of the chair-  
19 person of the Commission, the head of an agency shall  
20 furnish the information to the Commission to the extent  
21 permitted by law.

22 (d) GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—The Commission may  
23 accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services  
24 or property.



1 (e) **MAILS.**—The Commission may use the United  
2 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-  
3 ditions as other Federal agencies.

4 **SEC. 8. REPORT.**

5 Not later than the expiration of the eighteen-month  
6 period beginning on the date of the appointment of the  
7 members of the Commission, a report containing the find-  
8 ings of the Commission and specific proposals for legisla-  
9 tion and administrative actions that the Commission has  
10 determined to be appropriate shall be submitted to Con-  
11 gress.

12 **SEC. 9. TERMINATION.**

13 The Commission shall cease to exist upon the expira-  
14 tion of the sixty-day period beginning on the date on which  
15 the Commission submits its report under section 8.

16 **SEC. 10. REPEALS.**

17 Title XXXIV of the Crime Control Act of 1990 (Pub-  
18 lic Law 101–647; 104 Stat. 4918) and title II, section 211  
19 B of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State,  
20 the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,  
21 1991 (Public Law 101–515; 104 Stat. 2122) are repealed.

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